

# **Green Lake County Highway Safety Commission**

## **January 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Brooks, Christensen, Foster, Kemnitz, Meyers, Plagenz, Podoll, Putzke, Slate, Soda, Stertz

Members Absent: None

Guests: Brent Matthews (WISDOT); Eric Wagner (Green Lake County Highway Department)

The Green Lake County Highway Traffic Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Putzke at 11:05 a.m. in conference room 1106. Preliminaries included the Open Meeting Law Requirements satisfaction, the presence of a quorum (eleven), and approval of the agenda (Slate/Foster). The October 20, 2015 meeting minutes were approved following a motion by Soday/Meyers.

### **Correspondence Letters From**

Mark T. Slate (Speed Limit Change STH 44 by Little Green Lake)

Anthony Kemnitz (Speed Limit Change STH 44 by Little Green Lake)

Charles Wielgosh (Speed Limit STH 23, Princeton)

Joy Smies (Traffic Citation, Ripon)

**Media Representation on Commission** – The issue was introduced by Slate/Foster. After a lengthy discussion, the media representative voiced several concerns about the effect of Commission membership versus Freedom of the Press. A motion by Slate/Podoll to suspend discussion until the next meeting was approved.

**Alternative Travel Safety Plan** – It was reported that a subgroup met on January 13, 2016 to complete the writing of the manual. It will be run through the DOT Legal Department for final review. The next meeting for the subgroup will be February 3, 2016. The next meeting for the Tri-County committee will be February 17, 2016.

## **Member Reports**

#1 Foster (BOTS): Reported on 2015 traffic fatalities (561), funding for seat belts, drug enforcement training, and the detailed analysis of activity on Wisconsin highways. He passed out and highlighted a report on legislative bills of interest.

#2 Kemnitz (WISDOT): Reported on the STH 23 crossing by the Green Lake Campground (warning signs). He also reported on the speed limit at the Princeton Flea Market (video reveals 422 pedestrians and 700 vehicles per hour). The WISDOT representative suggested the use of paddles and temporary signs. A speed change would require a letter from the City Mayor. In any case, more data will be collected.

#3 Wagner (Green Lake County Highway Department): Reported on the City of Green Lake safety policy and the road condition at the intersection of CTH A /K at the top of the hill.

#4 Putzke (Chief Deputy Sherrif): Reported about a 2015 highway spot map involving traffic situations, car damage, and property damage. He also reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter crash report.

#5 Slate (Circuit Court Judge): Reported relative to the STH 44 speed limit around Little Green, and the fact that the issue was changed without any Commission involvement.

**Future Meetings and Adjournment** - The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, and Tuesday, January 17, 2017. All meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m., following a motion by Slate/Soda

Respectfully Submitted

Lyle B. Plagenz, Secretary